



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: William Alexander was sentenced to prison for 15 months by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, at sentencing on January 13, 2009. Alexander, a former guard at the Tecumseh State Correctional Facility in Tecumseh, Nebraska, had pled guilty in federal district court to accepting money from prison inmates in order to smuggle tobacco and marijuana into the Tecumseh State Correctional Facility between March, 2005 and May, 2006.

Name of Defendant: William Blaine Alexander

AKA:

Age: 39

City of Residence: Tecumseh

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Hobbs Act Violation - Obtained money under color of official right - 20 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Tecumseh, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Less than \$5,000

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 03/05 through 05/06

Federal Arrest Date: N/A

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 01/16/2008

Initial Appearance Date: 01/31/2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 10/14/2008

Sentencing Date: 01/13/2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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